

State Police Investigating a Fatal Motorcycle Crash-Newark



Newark – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing to investigate a fatal motorcycle crash which occurred earlier this afternoon east of Newark.

The preliminary investigation has revealed the incident occurred at approximately 12:58 p.m., Monday, May 7, 2018 on SR 273 eastbound east of Ruthar Drive, Newark. A 2008 Kawasaki ZX600P8 operated by a 21 Newark man was traveling eastbound on SR 273 and had just cleared the intersection at Ruthar Drive. The motorcycle was in the left lane and for unknown reasons the operator began to lose control of the motorcycle and struck the face of the guardrail positioned in the median just as he was beginning to curve right. The front tire became dislodged during the collision with the guardrail. After the operator was ejected, the motorcycle continued to travel on its side in an easterly direction coming to a stop in the right lane of SR 273 eastbound.

The operator of the Kawasaki, who was wearing a helmet, was

pronounced dead at the scene by responding EMS. Impairment on the part of the operator does not appear to be a contributing factor. Speed is being considered a factor in the crash. Identification of the victim is pending notification of next of kin.

DE SR 273 eastbound was closed east of Ruthar Drive for approximately two hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

[*TRAFFIC ADVISORY* Road Closed Due to Crash-Newark](#)

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Master Corporal J. Breen of the Collision Reconstruction Unit, by calling 302-365-8486.

Information may also be provided by calling Delaware crime stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at <http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com>

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at debra.reed@delaware.gov.

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